



## Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

**The Central Indiana Education Service Center and the Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy  
Present:**

# **Threat and Suicide Risk Assessment: Developing A Proactive and Consistent Approach to Evaluating Risk**

**Presented by:**

## **Dr. Melissa Reeves, Presenter, Safe and Sound Schools**

Is a Past-President of the National Association of School Psychologists, a nationally certified school psychologist, licensed clinical mental health counselor, and licensed special education teacher. Most recently she was an Associate Professor at Winthrop University, and has over 20 years' experience working in public schools, a private school, and day and residential treatment programs. She is a senior consultant with Sigma Threat Management Associates, an Ontic company, and lead author of the *South Carolina Department of Education School-Based Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Best Practice Guidelines*. Dr. Reeves is co-author of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) PREP<sub>a</sub>RE School Crisis Prevention and Intervention curriculum and former Chair (and current member) of the NASP School Safety and Crisis Response Committee. She also serves on her university's Critical Incident Management Team and the College of Arts and Science COVID-19 Recovery committee. She travels both nationally and internationally training professionals in the areas of school crisis prevention through recovery, threat and suicide assessment, the impact of trauma on academic achievement, and works with schools on establishing a positive and safe school climate. Dr. Reeves is also a Senior Advisor for Safe and Sound Schools, an organization founded by two parents who lost their children in the Sandy Hook tragedy and as NASP President, Dr. Reeves appointed the NASP Social Justice Task Force. She has conducted more than 300 workshops and presentations and has also provided consultation and staff development to professionals in the United States Department of Defense Educational Activity Schools located on various military installations. Dr. Reeves has authored five books and multiple publications.

This workshop will focus on the process and procedures needed to establish a consistent school/district-wide approach to threat and suicide risk assessment utilizing a multidisciplinary team. Critical factors discussed will include current statistics and legal cases, early identification of warning signs, primary prevention strategies to "break the code of silence"; an overview of risk assessment models and tools; assessment procedures; and strategies for interventions, postventions, and working with difficult parents. Case study examples and forms will be shared to illustrate the process.

**Cost:** There is no cost for this training. Professional Growth Points, CEU's and Law Enforcement hours will be available.

**When:** Friday, March 11, 2022

**Where:** Central Indiana Education Service Center  
3500 DePauw Boulevard, Pyramid Two, Suite 2020  
Indianapolis, IN 46268

**Target Audience:** school administrators, school staff, school resource officers, law enforcement, first responders

**Agenda:** Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.  
Training hours will be 8:30-3:30, with a one hour break for lunch (lunch not provided)

**Register:** Please use this link to register: <https://www.jotform.com/220315654479964>

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